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SUBJECT: **ICD-9 Coding for Behavioral Health Services Encounters/Claims  
ICD-9 Codes 799.9 and V71.09**

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There has been a misunderstanding regarding the coding for diagnoses used when completing submissions of encounters/claims. It is important to note that **in completing all encounter/claim forms, ICD-9 codes are to be used exclusively.** The use of ICD-9 diagnostic coding is generally foreign to clinicians, as they routinely have been trained to use the DSM-IV multi-axial diagnostic classification system. Clinicians who are completing and submitting encounters/claims are requested to familiarize themselves with the DSM-IV-ICD-9 crosswalk for reference to assure that the appropriate coding is used in completing claims/encounter submission forms. The ADHS/DBHS Covered Behavioral Services Guide, Appendix Exhibit B-4 provides a DSM-IV – ICD-9 crosswalk of diagnostic coding.

**ICD-9 codes 799.9 and V71.09 are no longer being accepted for primary diagnosis coding on claims submissions/encounters for Behavioral Health Services.** ICD-9 code 799.9 may only be used for encounters/claims for transportation services. In lieu of using ICD-9 codes 799.9 or V71.09, the following are some suggested possible alternative ICD-9 codes that may be considered for use: (List is not all inclusive.)

ICD-9 Codes:

Disorders of Childhood and Adolescence:

312.0	Disturbance of Conduct, not otherwise classified
313.9	Unspecified emotional disturbance of childhood or adolescence
299.8	Other specified childhood psychoses (Child psychosis NOS, Schizophrenia, childhood type NOS) Schizophrenic syndrome of childhood NOS)
299.9	Unspecified (Child psychosis NOS, Schizophrenia, childhood type NOS, Schizophrenic syndrome of childhood NOS)

Mood Disorders:

311	Depressive disorder NOS
309.9	Unspecified adjustment reaction
300.4	Neurotic depression
296.90	Unspecified affective psychosis
296.99	Other specified affective psychosis

Psychotic Disorders:

298.8	Other and unspecified reactive psychosis (Brief reactive psychosis NOS, Hysterical psychosis, psychogenesis psychosis NOS, Psychogenesis stupor)
299.9	Unspecified Psychosis (Atypical Psychosis, Psychosis NOS)

Anxiety Disorders:

300.09	Other Anxiety states, Neurotic disorder
300.19	Other and unspecified factitious illnesses (Factitious illness with physical symptoms NOS)
300.9	Unspecified neurotic disorder (Unspecified non-psychotic mental disorder)

## Personality Disorders:

301.9 Unspecified personality disorder

General Codes describing other reasons for treatment: **These V codes may be used as a primary diagnosis for all encounters/claims, except for inpatient hospitalization/Level I facilities.** Please refer to the ICD 9 coding book for a complete listing:

V15.81	Non-compliance with medical treatment
V61.0	Family disruption
V61.10	Marital conflict, partner conflict
V61.11	Counseling for perpetrator of spousal and partner abuse
V61.20	Concern about behavior of child, Parent-child conflict
V61.21	Counseling for victim of child abuse (child battering, child neglect)
V61.22	Counseling for perpetrator (problem concerning adopted or foster child)
V61.29	Other family circumstances (problem concerning adopted or foster child)
V61.3	Problems with aged parents or in-laws
V61.41	Health problems within family, alcoholism
V61.49	Other health problems in family
V61.9	Unspecified family circumstances
V62.2	Other occupational circumstances or maladjustment (career choice problem, dissatisfaction with employment)
V62.3	Education circumstances (Dissatisfaction with school environment, educational handicap)
V62.4	Social maladjustment
V62.81	Interpersonal problems not elsewhere classified
V62.82	Bereavement, uncomplicated
V62.83	Counseling for perpetrator of physical/sexual abuse
V62.89	Other life circumstance problems of phase of life problems
V62.9	Unspecified psychosocial circumstances

Your assistance in assuring that only appropriate and acceptable ICD-9 codes are use of encounters/claims submissions will help to assure that encounters/claims will be processed in as timely a manner as possible. Please also be sure to provide this information to all T/RBHA subcontracted providers for their use.

If you have any questions or need technical assistance regarding these matters, please contact me in the Office of the Medical Director by phone at 602-553-9007, or by letter or E-mail. Thank your for your cooperation and assistance.